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SUBJ: M-19 ISSUES ULTIMATUM ON MERCADO

REF: BOGOTA 3344

1. THE M-19 TERRORIST GROUP ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE LATE APRIL 6 ANNOUNCING THAT KIDNAPPED LABOR LEADER JOSE MERCADO HAD BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF "BETRAYING THE FATHERLAND, OF BEING TRAITOR TO THE WORKING CLASS AND AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE, AND THEREFORE DESERVES TO BE EXECUTED". MERCADO HAS BEEN IN THE HANDS OF THE M-19 SINCE MID-FEBRUARY. THE COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT THE M-19 WILL COMMUTE THE SENTENCE IF THREE CONDITION ARE MET:

(1) ALL EMPLOYEES FIRED IN SEVERAL CURRENT AND RECENT STRIKES IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS MUST BE REHIRED;

(2) THE GOC MUST ABOLISH SEVERAL LABOR LAWS CONSIDERED BY THEM M-19 TO BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE WORKING CLASS;

AND (3) SEVERAL IMPORTANT NEWSPAPERS MUST CARRY THE FULL TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE APRIL

11 EDITIONS. SHOULD THESE CONDITIONS NOT BE MET, THE M-19 COMMUNIQUE STATES, MERCADO WILL BE EXECUTED ON A

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DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED APRIL 19 (THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING

OF THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION).

2. MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT CORNELIO REYES TOLD THE PRESS,
UPON LEAVING A CABINET MEETING APRIL 6. THAT THE GOC
WOULD NOT BE BLACKMAILED AND HAD NOTHING TO NEGOTIATE
WITH SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS.
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